

THE SHELTON CHRONICLE

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Work-First: Welfare to Work Program

A new cooperative program between various schools and organizations has recently received \$420,000 in funding from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. The project, "Work First - A Welfare to Work Program," begins this month, and 40 participants will be selected for the program. The purpose of the "Work First" program is to help long term welfare recipients achieve family and economic self sufficiency. Participants will receive supportive services of agencies involved including transportation, child care, drug counseling, violence prevention, job and career training.

Community Service Programs of West Alabama Inc. and Shelton State Community College serve as the major partners with each contributing over \$50,000 to the project. Other supporting partners include Indian Rivers Mental Health Center,

Tuscaloosa County Schools Adult Education Program, the Tuscaloosa Assessment Center, the University of Alabama Child Care Program, the Department of Human Resources, and JPTA.

Each Temporary Assistance for Needy Families(TANF) recipient will be assigned a caseworker who will follow the client throughout the project. Supportive services such as drug and alcohol counseling, financial and management skills, along with work readiness skills, will be taught. During this three-month period, recipients will be working in jobs paying minimum or slightly above wages while going to school for job training.

In January these 40 participants will enter one of Shelton's technical programs offered as short eight-week courses. If successfully completed, the program will guide them into a career within that area of training. Success will depend on the willingness and support of services of the partnership.

Programs available to the participants include truck driving, heavy equipment, diesel, automotive technology, office technology, lawn and turf management, and building trades including carpentry, plumbing, and masonry.

Students entering this short course program do not need a GED or high school diploma. Community services will administer the project funds.

Golf Team Honored at Reception

The Shelton State Community College golf team, winner of the 1998-99 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Golf Championship, will be honored by the college with a reception in their honor Wednesday, October 20, from 3 - 4 p.m. in the atrium area of Shelton's Martin Campus.

The Shelton team, which won five golf tournaments during this past year, is the first Alabama golf team to win the NJCAA Division II Men's golf Championship.

During this competition, Jason Dillard of Bessemer, Alabama, defeated 115 individual participants by shooting a score of 287, one stroke under par for medalist honors. Andrew Jones of Johnson City, Tennessee, Danny Germaine of North Palm Beach, Florida, and Dillard were named to the All-American National Junior College Golf Team. Coach Jim Collins was selected the 1999 National Tournament Coach of the Year.

DRACULA is coming!
Call Theatre
Tuscaloosa for tickets.

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Shelton Receives Two NSF Grants

Shelton State Community College has been selected to receive two National Science Foundation Grants, according to Shelton president Tom Umphrey. The first project is a partnership between Tulsa University, Auburn University, the University of Alabama and Shelton State. **This joint venture will conduct research on electro mechanical systems and will form a basis for the future development of a research center.**

The second NSF project includes a new computer lab for the college's Science Division, specifically, its physics program.

"The Electro Mechanical Systems Laboratory (EMSyL) grant represents many resources, both human and capital, from the three universities, Shelton State, various industrial partners, and federal laboratories and agencies. These shared resources offer a unique opportunity to tackle the complex issues and problems associated with the proliferation of electro mechanical motion control mechanisms in industry.

Examples of electro mechanical systems include electro mechanical actuators for applications like industrial robots, valve position controllers, thrust vector control systems, and ultra-high precision actuators. Electric vehicles, including cars, aircraft, spacecraft, and ships, will use many electro mechanical systems in many capacities, beyond traction and propulsion. In industrial process control and manufacturing, electro mechanical systems will provide alternatives to conventional hydraulic and pneumatic actuators.

Shelton's role in the project will be to train skilled laborers and technicians in advanced electro

mechanical systems.

The second NSF grant provides funding for technological equipment upgrade. The grant is a fifty/fifty match, generating a total of \$42,276.00 in advanced technological science equipment.

One America Week- Oct.25-29

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced the the creation of the *President's Initiative for One America*, "an effort to help build one America in the 21st century - a nation of people who respect diversity and embrace the values which unite them." Campus efforts will be focused on issues of diversity and shared values during "*One America Week*," October 25 - 29.

Help us learn more about the diverse cultures that bring us together in this country. Participate in the activities and engage your students in class discussions, assignments, and other activities that coincide with these issues.

October 25 - 29: ONE AMERICA TEACH-IN.

October 25 - Nov. 24: Art Gallery. Chinese artist Jai Ruan exhibits abstracts and nonobjective works.

Tues. Oct. 26: Recital Hall. 1 p.m. The Culture of the Classics. Piano Recital, Nicky Wilson, UA student, recital hall.

Wed. Oct. 27: "ONE AMERICA - The Values We Share." Room 2411 (Travel and Tourism Room) 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Dr. Charles Nuckolls, director of Blount Undergraduate Initiative, the University of Alabama, will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring your students.

Shelton Singers Celebrate

When Syble Coats joined the faculty at Shelton State Community College in 1979, things were much different from what they are today. Her first students who originally formed the musical group, the Shelton Singers, had no music, no regular rehearsal space, and no budget. Home for the college then was the old Gaylord's discount department store building on Skyland Boulevard in Tuscaloosa.

Through the years, under the leadership of Everett McCorvey, Joy Dendy, and now Glinda Blackshear, the Shelton Singers built a sense of family through their music.

"Shelton will sponsor a reunion of all former members of the Shelton Singers Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7," said Blackshear. "This reunion will be another activity of Shelton's Millennium Celebration. We are inviting all of the people who were part of the Shelton Singers' history to come and celebrate with us."

Saturday, November 6, the college invites anyone who has ever participated in the Shelton Singers to a reunion rehearsal and party from 9 a.m. - noon.

Sunday, November 7, the Singers will hold a reunion concert at 3 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre. All former members of the Shelton Singers will be recognized as they join the current Singers in singing favorite choral compositions from the past.

Don't forget the Shelton Blood Drive on Monday, October 25, from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the D rooms. Free T-shirt to each donor!